

Please amend the specification as by replacing the paragraph spanning pages 1 and 2 with the following:

The present invention comprises a method of making a formaldehyde free, fibrous, nonwoven mat. The method includes dispersing fibers to produce an aqueous dispersion, the dispersion comprising glass fibers and man-made polymer fibers, draining much of the water from the dispersion through a moving permeable forming belt to form a wet fibrous web. The wet web is saturated with an aqueous resin binder and the excess binder is removed in a conventional manner to produce the desired binder content in the wet web. The aqueous binder is a mixture comprised of water and a resin formed from a homopolymer or a copolymer of polyacrylic acid and a polyol. The wet web is then heated to remove the water and to at least partially cure the resin in the binder to form a resin bounded fibrous non woven mat. Typically the fibers have an average fiber diameter in the range of about 13 +/- 3 microns and most typically have an average fiber diameter of about 13 +/- 2 microns to about 13 +/- 1 micron.